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Police Involved Shooting

*****UPDATE*****

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The investigation into the police involved shooting that occurred on November 23, 2015, has been completed by the Firearms/Police-Involved Death Review Board. The actions of Officer Jarod Barsotti are found to be within the Columbus Division of Police Use of Firearms Policy.

Officer Dragged Responding To Report of Armed Man

Columbus Police are investigating a shooting involving an armed man on the city's north side.

On November 23, 2015, at approximately 2:34am, two Columbus Police officers working special duty at Spain Night Club, 6136 Busch Blvd, and were in the parking lot at closing time. The officers approached a vehicle to investigate a report that an occupant in the vehicle had a gun. When one officer attempted to talk with the passenger, the driver drove off dragging the officer a short distance. The other officer fired multiple shots at the vehicle. The driver, 31-year-old Luis Castro, was stopped and arrested a short time later not far from Spain Night Club. Castro is charged with one count of felonious assault on a police officer. Detectives continue to search for the passenger who fled the scene before the vehicle was stopped. He is described only as a Hispanic male.

The officer who was dragged was treated at the scene for minor injuries. Luis Castro sustained minor cuts from his vehicle's shattered glass. The investigation is ongoing.

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